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Single-engine fighters made local training flights and individual training flights over the Lipetsk (39°35' E/52°37' N) airfield, Voronezh Oblast. The fighters were low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines, straight wings with rounded tips, landing gears retracting inward, and tail wheels. They were similar to the German Me-70. * Local and individual flights were observed. Groups of student pilots were waiting at the take-off point. ** Two hangars were on the edge of the sodded landing field.

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* Comment. This is the first postwar report on the Lipetsk airfield. The information that the aircraft resembled the German He-70 appears to be a very rough estimate; the planes are believed to be Yak-11s.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. This information indicates that a pilot school for beginners was stationed at the field.

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